

"Between the Crosses, Row on Row"



EUROPE PAYING YANKS HOMAGE

Graves of A. E. F. Heroes Are Being Strewn With Flowers.

While Americans at home are laying flowers on the graves of heroes of its several wars, the 75,000 dead whose bodies lie in European soil are being suitably remembered.

"It is the first Memorial Day in the blood-ground of the old A. E. F. without the A. E. F.," says an article by J. W. Hixey Smith in the American Legion Weekly.

"But as the Frenchman always said of America, and as we may now say of France, 'C'est loin, c'est loin.' The actual tribute of presence and ceremony to American dead abroad must be left to American agencies in Europe, to the allied governments and to the folk among whom they are buried.

"That this sacred trust will be met in the finest spirit is assured by reports of plans for Memorial Day overseas. No American field of honor on the other side will be without its Memorial Day ceremony, no American grave without its flag and its flowers. On that score there is this country who wear the gold-starred badge of pride need have no fear. Their wishes will be followed faithfully by those who will do honor to the dear abroad.

French Notables To Speak.
"In France, particularly, the details of the Memorial Day observance have been arranged carefully by a commission headed by the American ambassador, Hugh C. Wallace, and including Col. Bentley Mott, military attaché of the American embassy in Paris, and Col. Francis Drake as a representative of the American Legion.

"The French government, acting entirely on its own initiative, will help the American commission, and prominent French government and military officials will be present at each American cemetery. The unusual interest displayed by hundreds of voluntary French societies and proffers of aid from them indicate that the French civilian population will attend the ceremonies in large numbers.

"Features of the day will be proclamations by President Dechanel, Marshal Foch and Georges Clemenceau acclaiming the American dead. The three outstanding ceremonies of the day will be held in the three American cemeteries which, it is understood on the best of authority, are to be the permanent American Fields of Honor in France—Suresnes,

"THE AMERICAN DOUGHBOY," the first American monument abroad authorized by the War Department, to be unveiled today at Suresnes as part of the Memorial Day celebration. Ambassador Wallace and representatives of the French government will participate. The statue is by Jo Davidson, American sculptor.



near Paris; Belleau Wood, in the Chateau Thierry salient, and Romagne in the Argonne.

"Perhaps the highest keynote of the day either abroad or in our own land will be struck at Suresnes, that high hill under the guns of Mt. Valerien, overlooking the city of Paris. 'Wherever Memorial Day exercises

are held for the dead of the A. E. F. there will be sounded that note which is to be heard at Suresnes—of watchfulness against forgetting, of watchfulness as keen and unrelenting as that of any American doughboy on sentinel duty.

Observance on Rhine.
"In the army of occupation, where General Allen's forces still keep the watch on the Rhine, elaborate preparations have been made for the day's observance. In England, much the same plan has been followed as in France, and the American ambassador, John W. Davis, is handling the arrangements with the help of the British government. The little, seemingly isolated, plots in Ireland and Scotland will not be forgotten. The citizens of Genoa will shower the graves of American dead in Italy with flowers, while the American embassy and the Italian government have prepared a beautiful service worthy of the friendship of the two nations.

"This Memorial Day is in all probability the last to be observed so generally in foreign lands. By the time this day of flags and flowers and remembrance comes again, the majority of our dead abroad will have been reburied in native soil, and the whole task should be completed in two years. The latest estimate from those who know the wishes of the next of kin is that between 65 and 70 per cent of the dead will be returned to this country.

Only 458 Bodies Returned.
"This Memorial Day finds only 458 bodies brought back from the A. E. F. all except 150 of these having been brought from England. The 150 were the first returned from France, having been put on board the transport Mercury at Brest on April 6—the third anniversary of America's entrance into the war. Congressional appropriations for the fiscal year carry \$21,549,000 to bring home the dead. It is estimated that the total cost involved in the return of each body is \$300.

"For a long time there had been a restriction against the removal of the dead of any nation from the French zone of the armistice, but on April 10 the War Department announced that on and after September 15, next, France will waive this restriction on the 53,046 American battlefields dead.

"An interested party whose judgment can be relied upon, and who has just made a tour of American cemeteries abroad, says that 'amazing progress' has been made in beautifying them, even the most temporary plots. He calls Romagne a miracle, and declares that having seen it a year ago, he could hardly believe that time and care could so soften and shade to noble beauty its then harsh lines."

BEEF WAITS SHIPMENT.
PORTLAND, Me., May 29.—Six million pounds of frozen beef will be shipped to Germany and other countries of Central Europe on the British steamship Armagh, which arrived here yesterday from Boston on her way toamburg. The beef was sent here by Western packers.

In Flanders' Fields

By Lieut. Col. John McCrae.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from falling hands, we throw
The torch. Be yours to lift it high!
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders fields.

CHILDREN INSPIRED BY MEMORIAL DAY

"Self-Sacrificing Patriotism" Is Lesson Taught Them By Soldiers' Deeds.

By ISABEL WORRELL BALL,
First National Vice President of the
Woman's Relief Corps.

Since the establishment of Memorial Day fifty-two years ago, more than 200,000 veterans of two later wars for humanity have been mustered out of life's service, and the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, and other allied patriotic organizations will give of their fragment largess a flower for each lost mound.

Memorial Day brings home to every heart that beats true to country and flag the gripping love we bear for those men who are ever ready to send Old Glory to the top of the mast and nail her there when the principles of love and justice for all are assailed on land or sea.

Memorial Day brings us to a full stop for one day in the 365. Little children, wondering at the ceremonies, are told the story of sires and grandfathers, and learn a lesson in self-sacrificing patriotism—that men should grow brave and women strong and helpful, that children should learn to love the country and the flag that have preserved their homes, schools, churches—everything that is good, noble, and inspiring.

Memorial Day is not a glad day like Flag Day, nor a glorious day like the Fourth of July. It is more a day for retrospection and introduction, solemn as the Sabbath, when communion calls for the bended knee, the bowed head, and the bread and wine "in remembrance."

N. Y. GOVERNOR TO ASK RAISE IN CARGO RATES

NEW YORK, May 30.—Governor Smith has announced his intention of introducing the Interstate Commerce Commission to authorize increased freight rates for the coastwise steamship lines. In this manner the governor said he hoped to solve the harbor deadlock, which is gradually straining the commerce of the port of New York.

About 7,000 longshoremen and stevedores have been on strike since March 12 and have refused to return to work on their old wage scale. Turpentine is now being brought into the city on trucks, the governor said, at an increased cost of \$20 a barrel. A serious shortage of all products formerly brought here from the South along the Atlantic coast has increased prices during the strike.

FRANKFORT PRICES DROP.

PARIS, May 30.—The prices of foodstuffs and merchandise in Frankfort have shown a continuous decline in the last week, according to advices from that city today.

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U. S. WILL CARE FOR YANK DEAD

Bodies Left in Europe to Be Concentrated in Three "Fields of Honor."

Creation of a War Memorials Council to care for the bodies of America's dead in France was announced by Secretary of War Baker today. At the same time he made public the recommendations of Ralph Hayes, secretary to the Secretary of War, who made a special trip to Europe to make a study of the problem.

The recommendations follow the adopted policy of returning the war dead where requested, and caring suitably for those whose return is not requested. The letter, it is suggested, should be concentrated in the three American "fields of honor" at Romagne, Belleau, and Suresnes. The War War Council will be concerned with designing appropriate memorials, overseeing the care and general beautification of these permanent resting places. Other recommendations approved by Secretary Baker are:

Recommendations Approved.
Enlargement of the Romagne area, dissolution of the American Committee of Military Remains because of completion of its work; that headstones and plots be uniform without segregation or rank; that the advisory War Memorials Council be composed of representatives of such organizations as the Fine Arts Commission, American Legion, various welfare organizations, Navy Department, families of the soldier dead, General Staff, and others, and that suitable accommodations be maintained for visiting relatives and friends near the fields of honor.

It is also recommended that the War Department consult the committee on commemorative art of the War Memorials Council concerning the design of statuary or memorial structures to be erected overseas, and that this committee's co-operation be available for the communities or societies wishing to consult it about the form of proposed war memorials. In the case of American dead in England, it is suggested that where the return is not requested, those bodies be sent to one of the three areas in France. A similar proposal is made for those who died in Germany.

PENWOMEN DRAFT WORKING PROGRAM

Mrs. F. P. Keyes Appointed Manager of Society's Official Magazine.

A progressive working program for the League of American Penwomen was outlined Friday night in a meeting of the executive board at the headquarters, 1722 H streets northwest by Mrs. William Atherton Du Puy, the newly elected national president.

Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, wife of Senator Keyes, of New Hampshire, and first vice president of the league, was appointed business manager of "The Penwoman," the magazine inaugurated by the league as its official organ. Mrs. Edna M. Colman was appointed editor of the publication. The purpose of the magazine is "to aid the struggling young worker to find a place professionally, to unify and consolidate the aims and ambitions of all workers of the pen, pencil and brush, and make the headquarters of this organization a medium through which all such workers can not only benefit themselves, but aid in the great work of reorganization through education and higher ideals which faces America today."

All contributors must be members of the league. The work for the new year includes the enlarging of the headquarters by the establishment of a coffee house and lunch room; continued drive for membership among the active writing women of the nation, also those engaged in the kindred arts of music and art; and the establishment of a bureau of information for the placement in their professions of all wielders of the pen, pencil, and brush.

The following members of committees were appointed by the board: Ways and Means, Mrs. Marie Moore Forrest, chairman; Marietta M. Andrews, Mrs. Clara E. Barnard, Mrs. Rachael Tongate Deck, Mrs. Mary St. Clair Blackburn, Mrs. Florence F. Clark, Mrs. Florence Willard Day. Membership, Mrs. Larz Anderson, chairman; Mrs. Virginia King Frye, vice chairman; Miss Jessie Amelia Griswold, Mrs. Edna M. Colman, Mrs. Mary M. Atkinson, Miss Anna B. Fatten, Mrs. Clara Sears Taylor. House, Mrs. Nellie Miller Wiggins, chairman; Mrs. Anna K. Du Thiel, Mrs. Katharine J. Fenton, Miss Etta J. Griffin, Mrs. Eva D. K. Griffith, Mrs. Lucy Page Stelle, Miss Isabel Stone.

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The New Decoration Day

By HARRY ABRAHAM SIMON.

Decoration Day begets an increasing significance with every passing year. The United States is always sinking her roots deeper and spreading the moral sweep of her shadow over enlarging areas of humanity. America, spiritual, is greater than the physical extent of her territory. Her soul is not bounded by mere oceans. The civil war does not exhaust the splendor of American bravery nor the fullness of American gratitude. The blue, the gray, and the khaki differ only in color, not in the weave and texture of courage. Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, and the Argonne lie in the same latitude of American heroism.

We have not forgotten the lessons, the motives, or the history of the civil war. A presentation of them is not now necessary. The gloat of triumph and the bitterness of defeat are washed away in the reconciling spirit of American progress. Decoration Day is fast becoming Reconciliation Day. What was won in that war has long since become the treasured possession of North and South, East and West. Scarcely was the struggle over, before the birds of ill omen began to crow their hoarse notes of skepticism and despair, and in all quarters rose the discouraging cry, "Was not our sacrifice in vain? Danger, disease, and disloyalties hindered the progress of the reconstruction era, yet in the negative room of despair the glory of American unity was being developed by the beneficence of time-exposure. Who asks today if the civil war was worth while?"

The world war is happily over; yet, for years to come every political disturbance and industrial dislocation will be ample grounds for the growing crop of prophets of evil and profenders of goods, and for the recurring and despondent wall, "Was not America's sacrifice all in vain?" Decoration Day has one hundred thousand more noble sons to memorialize.

Our pines and palmettos waited the fertilizing pollen of heroism to the flaming poppies of France. A united country was able to throw the superb weight of material and men at the strategic turn of the war, and to write one of the noblest chapters in world history, which, for self-effacing idealism, covetous motive, and exalted sweep of sacrifice, has never been equaled anywhere. The

situation in the European and Asiatic continents is not encouraging, and years must roll by before the various nations will be struggling back to their feet.

The question of moment Decoration Day is "What has America gained through the world war?" We will find that the moral and spiritual gains to our country will be commensurate to our heavy sacrifices. Without closing our eyes to the situation in Mexico, or to the alarming increase of Bolshevism and disloyalty, or to the criminal advance in the cost of living, or to the industrial disturbances, we may assure ourselves that America is sound at the core, and that our people will fashion anew the weapon of legislation and wield it with high and devoted courage for the protection of their political, their domestic, and their economic interests.

Beneath all that is awry, the following facts have emerged into significance:

(a) America has risen into the moral leadership of civilization. There is a wholesome respect for her land, her law, and her flag everywhere. Whether we join this league or any other combination of nations to guarantee the peace of society, America cannot escape her responsibility for the peace of society. The lesson of Decoration Day is not a glorification of isolation and selfishness. The treaty of Versailles forms a chapter in United States history.

(b) American democracy has become naturalized in spirit and in prospective passion in the republic of human endeavor everywhere. Nothing can resist the onward sweep of democratic principles and institutions.

(c) America has learnt to take her measure. She knows herself, and has indexed the sources of disloyalty and the resources of industrial wealth. America has taken a census of her physique and technique. Millions of young men have learnt the pride of clean bodies and clean minds. Millions of men and women have learnt to invest in America. Their bonds indicate not only a new confidence in their country, but also a large responsibility for its welfare. Millions of men and women have learnt to mobilize their domestic, religious, and institutional strength, and to work in practical co-operation for a great cause.

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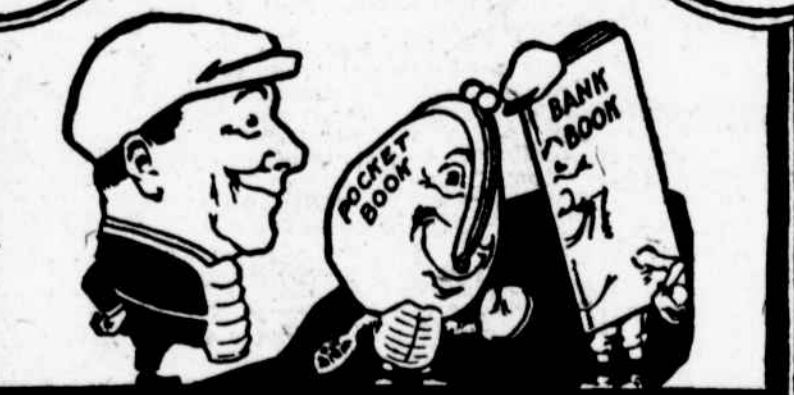
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